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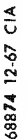
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\*South Vietnam: There are signs that the Communists are planning a new offensive in northwestern Quang Tri Province.

The Khe Sanh area is a likely spot. A US reconnaissance patrol came under heavy fire northwest of Khe Sanh on 1 December. Two North Vietnamese regiments seem to be located just west of the Marine outpost at Khe Sanh. The area may be particularly attractive to the Communists right now because the only access road is closed to vehicular traffic and supplies and reinforcements must be brought in by airlift.

[Unhappiness over the shift toward civilian control of the government appears responsible for recent threatened resignations among a number of Saigon's senior generals.]

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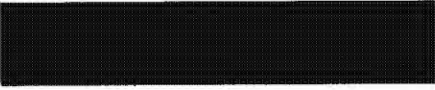
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